

Sons of the Republic of Texas – Texas History Essay Scholarship

Due date: January 31, 2012

Amount: \$1000-\$3000

Organization: Sons of the Republic of Texas

Website address: <http://www.srttexas.org/> OR <http://www.srttexas.org/#!awards-and-scholarships/vstc3=texas-history-essay-contest>

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Qualifications: **Graduating Seniors in Any High School** may enter. History, government and English students are particularly encouraged to participate. Students must submit an essay, of no less than 1500 and no more than 2,000 words, reflecting their research and study of our Texas History and its relevance to the development of Texas. 2012 Essay topic is "**Stephen F. Austin, The Father of Texas**".

CRITERIA:

The criteria used by the judges in selecting the winners will be based on a system that accurately scores the essays such as historical accuracy and content, writing quality (spelling & grammar), research references, bibliography, endnotes and whether the student followed instructions. In the event of a tie, the winners will be determined based on academic achievements. The final judge will be Dr. Joe E. Ericson, former chairman of the Political Science Department at Stephen F. Austin State University for 22 years. He is the author of numerous books on Texas Government and History. In the administration of the Texas History Essay Contest, The Sons of the Republic of Texas does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, color, disability, nationality or ethnicity.

DEADLINE:

Entries must be postmarked on or before January 31, 2012.

The original essays and four copies along with a CD copy should be sent to The Sons of the Republic of Texas, 1717 8th Street Bay City, Texas 77414.

Other Documents Needed: Essays are to be no fewer than 1500 words nor more than 2000 words in length (excluding endnotes and bibliography) and must be computer generated, double spaced, on one side only of 8 ½" x 11" paper. Quotations from other writers are encouraged but must be acknowledged and should be used with discretion. Essays will be screened for plagiarism using standard software designed for this purpose. The application must be filled out completely, including academic information.

1. Each contestant must submit an original and four (4) photocopies of their Essay for the judges (five in all) including a CD copy with contestant's name, address, phone number and year of the contest and

2. A copy of the application should be attached to each of the five (5) copies of the Essay submitted. The student must follow the format of the Chicago Manual of Style or Turabian's Manual for Writers. Endnotes should be listed on one page and all references cited should be on a separate page. Information must come from a reliable published source (Books/Magazines) and students must acknowledge the author and publisher. Two internet sources are acceptable. **All Essays submitted become the exclusive property of The Sons of the Republic of Texas.**

GPA: Not specified

Gender: Either

Ethnicity: Any

School: Any

Requires School Committee/Nomination: No